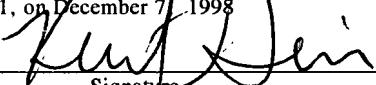


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CASE NO. 7103/30

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In re application of:)
Homayoun Talieh et al.)
Serial No.: 08/853,323)
Filed: May 8, 1997)
For: LINEAR POLISHER AND)
METHOD FOR)
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER)
PLANARIZATION)

Examiner: G. Nguyen

Group Art Unit: 3723

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated August 5, 1998 please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 23 – 31 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 32, 34, 36-38, and 40 as follows:

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